

IRM 201

Intermediate Information Systems Acquisition

Intermediate Information Systems Acquisition focuses on the application of policies, concepts, and practices that guide and control the management and acquisition of Information Systems/Information Technology (IS/IT) in DoD. Exercises, labs, lectures, and group discussion are used to cover such topics as IS/IT policies, strategic planning, information assurance, architecture, advancing technologies, and more.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- explain the concepts and terminology that comprise the major and nonmajor IS acquisition management processes and how the processes interact;
- define the roles, activities, and relationships of the DoD, other government entities, and industry that participate in and affect the acquisition of IT;
- apply management skills needed to effectively and efficiently use people, money, facilities, information, and time to accomplish IS acquisition objectives;
- identify internal and external factors that influence and constrain the IS acquisition process; and
- summarize strategies on how to deal with these factors in light of risk, uncertainty, and change.

Who Should Attend: This course is for mid-level managers who are Level I IT certified and who have responsibilities in IS/IT acquisitions.

Prerequisites: ACQ 201B and either IRM 101 or SAM 101

Recommended: Completion of the Technical Reviews continuous learning module, which can be found at <http://clc.dau.mil>, is recommended; those students who present a certificate for this module prior to the final exam will receive five bonus points toward their final grade.

Length: 10 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/Local

PDS Code: QN5



IRM 303

Advanced Information Systems Acquisition

Advanced Information Systems Acquisition is the capstone course in the DAU Information Resource Management sequence. It focuses on decision making and issues related to Information Systems/Information Technology (IS/IT) leadership, capital investment management, and acquisition. Using case studies, the course integrates advanced topics in planning, designing, and implementing comprehensive programs to acquire effective information systems.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- evaluate IS/IT leadership, management, and acquisition issues to make strategic-level decisions in DoD; and
- effectively lead or participate in IS/IT integrated product teams that foster acquisition excellence initiatives and manage IS/IT as a capital investment.

Who Should Attend: This course is for civilian senior managers, GS/GM-13 through GS/GM-15, and military officers, O-4 through O-6, who have successfully completed the requirements for Level II in the Information Technology career field.

Prerequisites: IRM 201 and SAM 201

Length: 10 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/Local

PDS Code: BZE

